To the Rural Sanitary Authority
Of the Bridport Union.

Gentlemen.

I now have the honour of presenting to you my Annual Report for the year 1895.

During the year the total number of Births registered was 219, and deaths 154, equal to rates of 29.5 per 1000, and 20.7 per 1000 respectively.

Diphtheria was the cause of 2 deaths, and Whooping Cough 5, 9 deaths were due to Phthisis, 30 to Chest Diseases, 15 to Heart Disease, and 4 arose from injuries. Out of the total number of deaths (154) 63 were 65 and upwards years of age.

The Cases of Diphtheria are dealt with later on in my report. The Cases of Whooping Cough were all under 5 years of age ~~the~~ 4 in the village of Loders and 1 ~~in~~ the village of Bradpole the Secondary Cause of death was as usual Bronchitis. The School at Loders was closed during the Epidemic from Feb 19th to March 28th.

60 Cases of Scarlatina were notified to me ~~[illegible]~~ (during the last year 89 were notified to me) whereas last year most of the Cases were confined to the Eastern part of my district during the present year the majority of cases occurred in the Western part of my district. The Cases were of a mild type and no death was registered from it. Isolation and Disinfection was carried out as far as possible — the other Children in the houses kept from ~~School~~ attending Schools. As it did not appear generally known ~~[illegible]~~ in my district that it was Compulsory to send Notification to the Medical Officer of Health ~~Leaflets~~ Notices of the Infectious Disease

(Notification) Act 1889. were distributed throughout the district.

The following is a short summary of Special Sanitary Work done during the year, with direction of Sanitary Authority on matters reported, with action & result

February.

Parish of Bottn; ~~at~~ Railway line below East Street Station	The Drainage from Houses flows ~~into an~~ through covered pipes into an open gutter on Railway Line — Remedied.
Parish of Symondsbury. House occupied by Geo Butcher & family - owner Mr Udall	House is in a most dirty state - Overcrowded - Requires Lime-washing and plastering. Remedied.
Parish of Bottn Premises occupied by Conway-Swaffield Lee & Marsh. wners the Bridport Brewery.	The Drainage very defective - the drain an old brick one is broken near the dwelling houses causing a nuisance A socket pipe cemented drain constructed -
arish of Bottn Premises ccupied by. [illegible] Prior-[illegible] Herman-R. Swaffield & J. House - ner Madlader -	The Privies on a higher level than, and about 15 yds distance from Well - the result of Analysis of water proved it to be 3rd Class the other results directly pointing to previous Animal contamination - Well closed - and a good supply of water laid on from the Bridport Water-works Company

Parish of Both^{ta} In a bye lane opposite the Forge Inn.	The drain has burst and sewage flows down path near dwelling houses causing a nuisance. Remedied.

March.

Parish of Burton Bradstock. In Darby Lane on Highway near dwelling houses.	A nuisance caused by smell from a stink trap. The cesspool not deep enough Remedied.
n Lane opposite Mr Richards Dairy n Highway.	The stink trap not large enough to take fall of water has caused drain to burst. Remedied.
In Lane opposite the Mr Whites Cottage & other dwelling ouses on Highway	A nuisance caused by sewage running on the highway through a stink trap the drain a small pipe one choked. A socket 8 inch pipe drain (cemented) constructed to carry drainage into main sewer.
arish of Bradpole ith Weir Lane	Drain broken and choked causing a nuisance on the highway. Remedied.

May.

illage of Burton Bradstock. e first 5 Houses n entering the village the right hand side f road.	The water from a well which is used by the families who occup these houses on analysis proved to be totally unfit for use as it contained sewage matter — Water laid on from the Bridport Waterworks Company

June

House at Ball Knap - Fishweir Lane Parish of Bradpole.	Two cases of Diphtheria in House - Gave instructi to parents as to Isolation and saw them supplied wi proper Disinfectants. The drainage of Fishweir Lane has until recently been very defective - An open gutter on the high near Ball Knap at times contained sewage matt A 9 inch pipe drain some distance underground h been constructed.
Village of Burton Bradstock On Premises occupied by Mrs Buckler.	A most offensive smell from Privy in proximi to dwelling Houses - Remedied at once!
Parish of Puncknowle. Look Dairy House Farm House and Cottages -	These houses are all now supplied with good water from a spring in a meadow from about 300 yds through iron pipes.
illage of Chideock On Premises occupied by John Chedzey Smith and George arwell with their family	The water from a well on premises totally unfit for use - and as there was no covering to the well it was a great danger. The water laid on from the Chideock Waterworks Com and well closed.

July.

illage of Both^n House and Premises occupied by Mrs Balson	A Case of Diphtheria (a Child 12 months old which proved fatal -) did not appear to be due to unsanitary condition of House or Premises The necessary sanitary precautions at once taken -

October

Village of Litton Cheney In Main Street Near Highway Dairy Barton	A nuisance caused by choked state of drains - no proper system of drainage for piggeries - smell of [illegible] and very offensive and a nuisance to persons living near or passing on the Highway Road Remedied at once.
Litton Cheney Stream of Water running through the Village	As a complaint was made to me as regards the pollution of this stream the water from which is used for drinking purposes - I took sample of water from lower end of stream which on analysis proved to be First Class Water.
Village of Bradpole Dipping place for water in Middle Street used by inhabitants for drinking purposes and Place for Water Supply to inhabitants of Lower Street	The water at this dipping place although not as abundant as I have before seen it is sufficient - The supply at the dipping place in Lower Street is at present stopped and the inhabitants have to go some distance to obtain water - I consider that the cause of this is that the pipe which takes the water from fixture has become blocked in some part thus causing a divergence to the flow for ~~Middle Street~~ Lower Street Is receiving attention -

November

Village of Chideock - Houses occupied by Joseph Bartlett Geo Marsh & Thos Pester -	The Houses are unhealthy on account of dampness through the defective drainage of the premises. The Privy in the garden used by the three families is in a dilapidated state without door or coverings and is not in a fit condition for use of the families Is receiving Attention -

Parish of Chideock
A Spring of Water
on Highway
West Road.

A Spring of Water with dipping place situated on the Highway is used for drinking and domesti purposes by people who occupy Cottages nea The water is rendered foul by people who often occupy vans on the downs close bye — the washin from the road also at times run into the water and render it muddy — To remedy this the dipping place should have proper coverings or a pump should b erected —

Carried out by Private enterprise.

In addition to the foregoing, during the year I have visited and reported upon several Cases of defective drainage & water ~~supply~~ Closet Accommodation which have been rectified —

Certificates of drainage and water supply have been granted to several newly erected houses in the distri

The mains from the Bridport Waterworks Company are now laid on the Bradpole Road — so there is now no difficulty in getting an ample supply of wholesome water for Houses & premises on this road. Advantage has again been taken in some cases of getting a supply of water from the Bridport Waterwo Company in the village of Burton Bradstock — But in this village some of the inhabitants still have to go a long distance to obtain wholesome drinking water. In the village of Bothenhampton advantage has also been taken in getting a supply from the Bridport Waterworks Company who since my last Annual Report have carried their pipes to this village

There are no offensive processes of trade carried on in the district, and I have not been called upon to examine any article of diet that is diseased, unwholesome or unfit for the food of man – Your Inspector has faithfully brought to my notice all matters requiring my intervention and has helped me in my periodical inspections – Accompanying my r are tabular statements of the sickness & mortality during the year –

I am Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
W. Jaffray
Medical Officer of Health – T. R.D.C.

February 28th 1896